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LEBANON: THE SECURITY SITUATION TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE TUESDAY, DESPITE EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PLO CHIEF YASIR ARAFAT TO HALT THE FIGHTING.4

IN BEIRUT, THERE HAVE BEEN MORTAR AND MACHINE-GUN DUELS, AND ROADBLOCKS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN MANY AREAS. IN THE NORTH, LEFTIST MUSLIM ELEMENTS HAVE SEIZED MORE POLICE POSTS IN TRIPOLI AND HAVE ATTACKED NEARBY CHRISTIAN VILLAGES.4

ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN THE EMERGENCE OF YASIR ARAFAT AS AN EVEN GREATER POWER IN DOMESTIC POLITICS AT A TIME WHEN PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH HAS PLAYED LITTLE ROLE AT ALL. THE PLO SECURITY FORCE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN ORDERED BY ARAFAT TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES RESTORE ORDER IN BOTH BEIRUT AND TRIPOLI.4

FORMER PRIME MINISTER SAIB SALAM, A BEIRUT MUSLIM LEADER LEFT TUESDAY FOR DAMASCUS TO SEEK HELP FROM SYRIA IN ENDING THE FIGHTING.4 {SECRET} E-2 IMPDET.4

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 145-75.4

VENEZUELA: AN INFLUENTIAL CONSERVATIVE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HAS LENT ITS SUPPORT TO ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO REGULATE FOREIGN CAPITAL.4

IN A MAJOR SPEECH ON AUGUST 26, ANTONIO JOSE DIAZ MARTINEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE VENEZUELAN FEDERATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (FEDECAMARAS), PRAISED THE CONTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN PRIVATE CAPITAL TO VENEZUELAN DEVELOPMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TIMES HAVE CHANGED, HOWEVER, AND FOREIGN INVESTORS MUST ADJUST TO THE NEW ORDER DEVELOPING IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE SAID FUTURE INVESTMENT MUST ADJUST NOT ONLY TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF "SOVEREIGN CONTROL" BY THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO TO THE PRIORITIES SET BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS. MARTINEZ CLAIMED THAT IF INVESTORS ACCEPT THESE RESTRICTIONS THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE ECONOMIC "TAKE-OFF." THIS WOULD INVOLVE OPPORTUNITIES TO INVEST ABOUT \$21 BILLION IN BASIC AND STRATEGIC INDUSTRIES OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.4

AS PRESIDENT OF FEDECAMARAS, DIAZ MARTINEZ IS THE PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNTRY'S PRIVATE SECTOR. IN PAST YEARS THE

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ORGANIZATION HAS PLAYED A HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL AND USUALLY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN REVIEWING AND CRITICIZING GOVERNMENT POLICIES--ESPECIALLY IN DEFENSE OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. IN SEPTEMBER 1974, THE GROUP ATTACKED THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED TERMS FOR NATIONALIZING THE OIL INDUSTRY, CALLING THEM UNNECESSARILY PUNITIVE AND RESTRICTIVE.4

FEDECAMARAS HAS USUALLY SUPPORTED OR AT LEAST TAKEN A NEUTRAL STAND ON PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN CAPITAL IN THE ECONOMY. DIAZ MARTINEZ'S ELECTION AS PRESIDENT LAST MAY WAS HERALDED AS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA OF RECONCILIATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE IS REPUTED TO HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND HIS SPEECH CLOSELY PARALLELS THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS ON THE ROLE OF PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT. UNDER DIAZ MARTINEZ, FEDECAMARAS APPEARS TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT ITS INTERESTS LIE IN SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO RESTRICT THE ROLE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT. ALTHOUGH HE JUSTIFIED THIS POSITION ON IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS, THE PRACTICAL BENEFIT FOR INCREASED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS IS NOT OVERLOOKED.

DESPITE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF FEDECAMARAS' SUPPORT FOR STRICT REGULATION AND CONTROL OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT, IT

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MAY DOOMERANG IN THE END. VENEZUELA IS GOVERNED BY POLITICIANS WITH STRONG STATIST VIEWS. CONTROLS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT COULD PRODUCE PRESSURES AND PROVIDE PRECEDENTS FOR THE APPLICATION OF SIMILAR MEASURES TO THE DOMESTIC PRIVATE SECTOR. ALTHOUGH THIS ATTITUDE IS SO FAR CONFINED LARGELY TO THE EXTREME LEFTIST PARTIES, IT MAY YET RECEIVE BROADER SUPPORT AND FEDECAMARAS MAY FIND THAT IT HAS INADVERTENTLY GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO ITS TRADITIONAL ENEMIES.

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